## **CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

# Law Enforcement Firing Range Range Orientation and Safety

#### **POLICY**

It is the policy of the Clark County Sheriff's Office to provide a safe and well-maintained law enforcement firearms range. The range is open to all law enforcement and security agencies.

Sheriff's Office Training Unit must grant written permission for guests and non-law enforcement individuals to be present at the range.

Violations of range safety rules may result in exclusion from the range. (Individuals and/or departments)

#### **HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

All range patrons must sign a "Hold Harmless" agreement prior to using the facility. Contact the Sheriff's Office Training Unit for additional information.

#### **CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE-TRAINING UNIT**

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#### **RANGE SCHEDULING**

- 1. The range schedule and orientation/safety manual can be accessed on the Clark County Sheriff's Office Web site. http://www.co.clark.wa.us/sheriff/inter/
- 2. Range Hours: 0800 hours to 2200 hours (**Strictly enforced**)
- To schedule range dates, call or email the Clark County Sheriff's Office Training Unit.

#### **RANGE ADDRESS**

902 NE 192 Ave Vancouver, WA Range Phone Number (360) 896-2681

#### **DIRECTIONS TO RANGE**

The entrance to the Clark County Sheriff's Office is located between the English Pit Shooting Range and the Clark County English Shed Station. The main gate to the

range is located approximately 70 yards west of NE 192 Ave. The gate is opened with an M-1 key that may be obtained from the Clark County Sheriff's Office Training Unit.

Drive West through the gate about 0.2 miles. At the first intersection, go straight (see aerial photo) and drive south-southwest 0.1 miles to a cable gate. The lock on the cable gate is can be opened with a M-1 Key. Pull cable off roadway. (See aerial photo)





Main entrance to range just West of NE 192 Ave

## **RANGE AERIAL PHOTOGR APH**



## **RANGE LOG**

Firearm Instructors and Range Safety Officers must sign the Range Log with the date, time, names and serial numbers. The Range Log is located in Classroom B.

# **CLASSROOM IDENTIFICATION**



#### **BUILDING HEAT**

### **CLASSROOM B**



The timer for the heater is located on the North wall just above and to the right of the air compressor.

Note: Do not change the temperature adjustment.

#### **CLASSROOM A**



The timer for the heater is located on the North wall below and to the right of the heater.

#### **SECURITY LIGHTS**



For low-light shooting, it may be necessary to override the security lights. On the interior of the Classroom B (East wall) a switch is located just to the left of the breaker box. Be sure to turn the security lights on when prior to departure.

#### RANGE COMPRESSOR

The compressor is located on the floor of Classroom B. It is used to operate the automated targets. Operation steps:

- 1. Connect airline on left side of compressor (refer to photo)
- 2. Turn red-handled valve until perpendicular with the copper line (refer to photo)
- 3. Pressure gauge should read 50/60 PSI
- 4. Check oil level is at proper level Add oil if necessary
- 5. If compressor is not working, check that the "breaker switch" is "on." It is located on the face of a small electrical panel just above and to the right of the compressor.



Airline quick connect

Red valve handle shown parallel to copper line

#### RANGE COMPUTER AND COMPUTER BY-PASS SWITCH

Range targets may be operated via the range computer or by-pass switch. Contact the Sheriff's Office Training Unit for operation instruction.

#### **RANGE LIGHTS**

Range light controls are in locked box on the exterior North wall of the main classroom.



Lights include floodlights, walkway lights and east and west range lights. An M-1 key is necessary to access the light controls.

#### TARGET BACKERS

- 1. Target backers are stored in Classroom B.
- 2. It is important to cut the backers to length to fit into the base of the target holder
- 3. During inclement weather, squirt some "Break Free" or "WD-40" on the threads of the bolts that clamp onto the target bottoms.
- 4. Tighten wing nuts securely
- 5. A rubber band is threaded through the top of the backer and placed into the notch on the top of the target holder or "C" frame.
- 6. Targets are stapled or otherwise fastened to the target backers.

#### **SANITARY FACILITIES**

- 1. Restrooms are located on-site.
- 2. Handwashing facilities are also provided.

#### LOADING/UNLOADING BARREL



**Loading/Unloading Safety Barrel** 

#### POLICING AND SECURING THE RANGE

- 1. All refuse, to include targets and target backers, shall be placed into garbage cans located in the storage building.
- 2. Be careful to avoid injury from protruding staples.
- 3. Target backers that are still serviceable shall be stored in shed.
- 4. Full garbage cans shall be emptied into the large dumpster located at the Clark County English Station located near the main entrance to the range off of NE 192 Ave. (Refer to aerial photo)
- 5. All brass shall be removed from the range deck
- 6. Do not leave food items in garbage cans within the range buildings. This attracts pests.
- 7. Ensure the weapons cleaning table is clean when you depart the range.
- 8. Ensure classrooms and storage building is clean and orderly.
- 9. Secure all reflective vests and eye protection
- 10. Coil and hang the orange computer cord and the black computer by-pass cord on the north exterior wall of the main building.

- 11. Turn off all range lights and lock the light cabinets.
- 12. At night, if security lights have been overridden, ensure these lights are turned back on.
- 13. Turn the red handle valve on the compressor
- 14. Disconnect the air hose from the compressor.
- 15. Turn off interior building lights.
- 16. Lock all range building doors.
- 17. Lock cable gate and main entrance gate.
- 18. Return range computer to the Sheriff's Office Training Unit.

#### **WEAPON CLEANING**

- 1. Weapons shall not be cleaned in any building.
- 2. A cleaning bench is located on the exterior of the West end of the main classroom building.
- 3. A parts washer is located in Classroom B. CAREFULLY wheel the machine outside next to the cleaning bench. Lift the caster unit slightly to clear the threshold. Return washer to Classroom when finished.
- 4. Ensure the weapons cleaning table is clean when you depart the range.
- 5. Departments shall supply their own cleaning supplies
- 6. Live ammunition is prohibited on or near the cleaning bench.
- 7. All shooters shall wash their hands prior to leaving the range. Lead is a very toxic substance.



# Weapon cleaning table

No live ammunition allowed in this area

#### **WEAPON CLEANING STATION**



The weapon cleaning station is available for all departments to use. However, please utilize the following care and operation procedures.

The cleaning unit is stored within Building B.



The cleaning station may only be used outdoors.

The cleaning platform and cleaning solution barrel are not securely attached. Please use caution. Carefully lift the unit over the door threshold to prevent the unit from falling over or apart.



The cleaning station may only be used outdoors.

Plug into electrical outlet outside of Classroom B as shown.

Following instructions on top of lid for cleaning weapons.



#### After use:

- 1. Drain all fluid into barrel.
- 2. Do not leave solvent in the cleaning tray.
- 3. Close lid.
- 4. Disconnect electric plug.
- 5. Carefully wheel the unit back into the classroom

#### INSTRUCTORS AND RANGE SAFETY OFFICERS

- 1. Only qualified firearm instructors may instruct.
- 2. There must be at least one instructor and one range safety officer present anytime a range deck is in use.
- 3. If both decks are in use each area must have an instructor and range safety officer.

#### **RANGE SAFETY RULES**

The following safety rules pertain to all shooters, spectators, instructors and safety officers.

- 1. Except for the rifle lanes east of Range Deck B, absolutely no weapons shall be discharged south of the Range Deck A or B 25-yard line.
- 2. Follow commands of firearm instructor and/or safety officer
- 3. Horseplay shall not be tolerated.
- 4. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited.
- 5. Illegal drugs are strictly prohibited.
- 6. Any person under the influence of legal or illegal drugs shall not use or be present at the range.
- 7. Never point a weapon at another person. Treat all weapons as if loaded.
- 8. Weapons shall always be pointed down range when in use.
- 9. Weapons shall not be pointed above the impact area.
- 10. Shooting into hillsides is prohibited
- 11. Shooting wildlife is prohibited
- 12. Do not use the range wall as a backstop or impact device.
- 13. Do not climb on the range wall.
- 14. Do not deface the range wall.
- 15. Never travel past the red warning line on the impact area of the range wall.
- 16. Only handguns may be discharged at the turning targets.
- 17. Rifles and high-caliber weapons may only be discharged on the rifle deck
- 18. Range B shall not be used when the rifle deck is in use.
- 19. Never leave a weapon unattended

- 20. No live ammunition on or around the cleaning table.
- 21. Dry fire is prohibited unless on the range and under the supervision of an instructor.
- 22. Spectators and non-shooters shall remain behind the 25-yard line at all times.
- 23. Do not place spent cartridges in pockets, hats, lunch sacks. Use cartridge buckets.
- 24. Smoking is restricted to the parking lot.
- 25. Do not eat or smoke outside while shooting is taking place (Lead particulate)
- 26. Wash hands and face prior to eating, smoking or applying cosmetics (Lead is highly toxic)

#### **SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

- 1. Ear protection required for shooters, instructors, safety officers and spectators
- 2. Eye protection required (safety glasses) for shooters, instructors, safety officers
- 3. Reflective vests required during low-light shoots for shooters, instructors, safety officers, and spectators
- 4. Body armor must be worn by shooters, instructors and safety officers
- 5. Anytime a revolver is discharged the shooter must wear a respirator (minimum N-95 Please refer to respective state laws regarding respiratory protection)
- 6. All shooters, instructors, spectators, and safety officers are required to wash hands prior to leaving the range. (Lead is highly toxic)

#### **RANGE PICTORIAL**

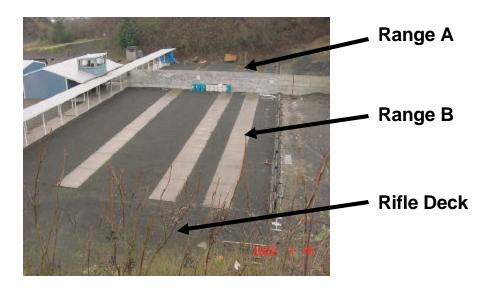


This intersection will be encountered shortly after passing through the main gate. Go straight, veering slightly left and follow the road toward yellow building. (Refer to aerial photo)

Caution: Trucks coming from left and right DO NOT STOP. Use caution before proceeding into this intersection - Limited sight distance to left.



**Cable Gate** 





Impact warning area.

Do not proceed past red line. Strictly enforced. Violation will result in expulsion from range.



Do not use range wall as a backstop. Do not shoot into range wall. Do not climb on range wall.



Rifle Deck

Do not use Range B when rifle deck is in use



K-9 Training Area
No Shooting Allowed



**Target Backer - Lower Clamp** 



# **Impact Caution Line**

Red warning line on range wall. Shooters shall not proceed past the red line. Violation of this safety rule will result in expulsion from the range.



# Range Tower showing floodlights and loud speaker



**Computer Cable** 

**Bypass Cable** 

North side exterior of Classroom B



**Hand Wash Station** 

Wash before eating Wash before leaving range

Lead is a very toxic substance

Range Compressor located in Classroom B